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Designating the week of May 5 through May 11, 2002, as “National Occupational Safety and Health Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. FEINGOLD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Designating the week of May 5 through May 11, 2002,
as “National Occupational Safety and Health Week”.

Whereas every year, more than 6,000 people die from job-related injuries and millions more suffer occupational injuries or illnesses;

Whereas every day, millions of people go to and return home from work safely due, in part, to the efforts of many unsung heroes—the occupational safety, health, and environmental professionals who work day in and day out identifying hazards and implementing safety advances in all industries and at all workplaces, thereby reducing workplace fatalities and injuries;

Whereas these safety professionals work to prevent accidents, injuries, and occupational diseases, create safer work and leisure environments, and develop safer products;

Whereas the more than 30,000 members of the 90-year-old nonprofit American Society of Safety Engineers, based in Des Plaines, Illinois, are safety professionals committed to protecting people, property, and the environment globally;

Whereas the American Society of Safety Engineers, in partnership with the Canadian Society of Safety Engineers, has designated May 5 through May 11, 2002, as North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (referred to in this resolution as “NAOSH week”);

Whereas the purposes of NAOSH week are to increase understanding of the benefits of investing in occupational safety and health, to raise the awareness of the role and contribution of safety, health, and environmental professionals, and to reduce workplace injuries and illnesses by increasing awareness and implementation of safety and health programs;

Whereas during NAOSH week the focus will be on hazardous materials—what they are, emergency response information, the skills and training necessary to handle and transport hazardous materials, relevant laws, personal protection equipment, and hazardous materials in the home;

Whereas over 800,000 hazardous materials are shipped every day in the United States, and over 3,100,000,000 tons are shipped annually; and

Whereas the continued threat of terrorism and the potential use of hazardous materials make it vital for Americans to have information on these materials: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) designates the week of May 5 through May
2 11, 2002, as “National Occupational Safety and
3 Health Week”;

4 (2) commends safety professionals for their on-
5 going commitment to protecting people, property,
6 and the environment;

7 (3) encourages all industries, organizations,
8 community leaders, employers, and employees to
9 support educational activities aimed at increasing
10 awareness of the importance of preventing illness,
11 injury, and death in the workplace; and

12 (4) requests that the President issue a procla-
13 mation calling on the people of the United States to
14 observe “National Occupational Safety and Health
15 Week” with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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